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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Soft Conformable Hollow Bag Tampon

the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35 United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or Inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)Priority Claimed

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09/124,407 (Application Serial No.)	July 29, 1998 (Filing Date)	Pending (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)	Case 7234
09/124,351 (Application Serial No.)	July 29, 1998 (Filing Date)	Pending (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)	Case 7235

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